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Phase 11

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POU Appendix

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POU Appendix to Special Events Operational Plan Approval

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Date: _____

1.0 SITUATION

2.0 MISSION

To clear the parking lot and of RCGT Park, 302 Coventry Rd, which is city of Ottawa property. It is being occupied by citizens as a command post, and fuel depot, in support of the Freedom Convoy, in contravention of the Trespass to Property Act. Further, to clear the property while maintaining officer safety and public safety and to maintain the area until it can be secured by a perimeter fence and handed over to private security.

3.0 EXECUTION

POLICE LIAISON TEAM (PLT)

PLTs will liaise, utilizing prepared messaging, with anyone occupying the identified area and request they leave the property. PLT's have given a strong message to clear the area or the persons remaining would face a detention and being investigated for the offence of Trespass to Property, and dependent upon their actions, applicable criminal offences such as resist arrest, assault police, obstruct police, and/or mischief for example. PLT messaging will be phased in conjunction with addition of officer presence, prior to any actions on should they be required by Public Order.

PUBLIC ORDER UNIT (POU)

All POU will convoy from the designated briefing location. Convoy will arrive via Westbound Coventry Rd, entering the laneway on the East side of the baseball stadium. Convoy will drive around the south end of the park and stage facing north on the East side lane of the parking lot area. Team will debus and stage formed up at the south end. POU will be accompanied by Tactical, Hand off teams for arrest, mobile arrest and processing team, traffic enforcement resources and tow operations. Volume of resources will be dictated by intelligence provided prior to actioning.

Phase 1:

PLT will attend and provide messaging to persons occupying the parking lot and property, following the scripted messaging plan (PLT & media plans). POU will stand by.

Phase 2:

POU will perform a clearing wave and remove those still inhabiting the property re-iterating the messaging to gather up their property and leave the lot. If compliance results POU will stand by to allow inhabitants to collect their property and vacate in an orderly manner. If non-compliance results, POU will arrest those individuals and deliver them to hand off team for processing.

Phase 4:

POU will secure the property while it is being cleared and assist, if possible, with removal strategies on ground until completion. City partners will fence and/or barricade perimeter.

Phase 5:

POU will turn over responsibility of the property to contracted private security arranged by the complainant.

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Note:

If possible, Ottawa Police Service POU will be assigned as the primary detention/arrest mechanism. OPS will transfer custody to a HOT member. OPS officers will advise the HOT member of their name, badge number and the reason for detention or arrest. HOT officers will take custody and walk the detained person off the property. If the detainee does not qualify for release, Prisoner Transport vehicles will be located for the first phase of processing. HOT officers will search, identify, read the person RTC/caution/Section 524 warning and stand by for an investigator to be assigned.

Prisoner transportation vehicles will be stacked at the front of the convoy at the edge of the site.

OPS tactical & negotiators will address situations of any persons if they barricade inside their vehicles refusing to vacate.

Fire and Medic public order resources are embedded within the public order section structure to support the mandate and enable an immediate coordinated tri-service response to fire, medical, or decontamination procedures.

POU will remain at the site until it's cleared of vehicles and pedestrians and traffic routes are open.

The plan will be supported by the overall plan, including the:

- Obstruction Removal plan
- Traffic and Tow plans
- Hand off team and arrest plans
- Tactical plan
- Medical and fire contingencies

Debrief and Accountability

Debrief:

Accountability (equipment return):

Images:

4.0 ADMINISTRATION

5.0 COMMAND AND CONTROL

6.0 AUTHORITIES

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Any participant that does not leave voluntarily will be detained and investigated for the Criminal Code offence of Mischief. Anyone who interferes with police members engaged in the lawful execution of their duties will be arrested for obstructing police.